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Yamaha DX7 keyboard synthesizers and percussion, performed respectively by the composer, Roger Dean and Daryl Pratt. In this strikingly original 11'10" work, Shanahan invokes the notion of solar spectra. Roger Dean also performs Shanahan's short and related solo piano piece, "Arc Of Light". Strahan's "The Beethoven Boogie" (1982), a 9'00" joke for 8-piece jazz ensemble, including cello, satirizes the 80's "switched-on classics" pop fad, by adapting its style to an entire movement in strict sonata form. This piece is the last movement of Strahan's Jazz Fusion Suite, of which the first movement, "Triple Six", was released on Jade CD "Fray" JADCD 1086, and the second movement, "Free Spirit", on Jade CD "Music For A Candlelight Dinner" JADCD 1058, both CDs available at CD Baby. In a similar spirit of whimsy, is Gross's lively "Sally in the Mallee" a short solo piece written for pianist Sally Mays, who requested something "a little bit crazy". People who are interested in Dave Brubeck Olivier Messiaen Edgard Varse Alban Berg should consider this download.

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